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The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni Chief Clerk and Administrator, Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire Chief Counsel, Dr. James Spearman Executive Assistant, The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket No. 2006-283-E

Times Oil Corporation, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Power Company, LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Defendant/Respondent

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE STATUS CONFERENCE

Dear Messrs. Terreni, Melchers and Dr. Spearman,

The undersigned are counsel for Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas"), incorrectly denominated as, "Duke Power Co." in Times Oil Corporation's ("Times") Complaint filed in the Docket referenced hereinabove.

We request a telephone status conference in this matter with, Mr. David M. Boyd, as President of Times, Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire, or his designee, as Counsel for the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire, as Counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to discuss a threshold procedural matter. We believe this is an administrative matter which does not require Commission action, but must be addressed before the appointment of a hearing officer or before Duke Energy Carolinas files its Answer or otherwise appears in this Docket.

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All parties will be served with this request and we await the Commission's guidance on how and when a telephone status conference may be scheduled.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: See enclosed certificate of service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Janet Nicole Carter, employee of Austin, Lewis and Rogers, P.A., hereby certify that I caused copies of Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Correspondence to be delivered as set forth below.

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This the 21st day of September, 2006.

Austin, Lewis and Rogers, P.A.

By: /S/ Janet Nicole Carter